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SUSPECT SOUGHT IN ENCANTO MURDER

(San Diego) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives have identified 19-year-old Christopher Anthony Sanchez as the suspect in the murder of Marcella Peraza, which occurred on March 7, 2009 at 6800 Brooklyn Avenue.

On March 7, 2009 at 2:25 a.m., police officers received a radio call of a violent disturbance at the 6800 block of Brooklyn Avenue. While en route, the call was updated, indicating that a shooting had occurred and two people were injured by the gunfire. Officers arrived with paramedics and found a Hispanic male victim (26 yrs) and Marcella Peraza suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Both were transported to local trauma centers for emergency treatment. The male victim was struck in the left arm and underwent extensive emergency surgery to treat his injuries. Ms. Peraza did not survive her injuries, and was pronounced deceased at 6:47 a.m. on March 7, 2009.

An arrest warrant for murder has been issued for Sanchez. He is described as a Hispanic male, 6' tall, weighing about 190 lbs, with black hair and brown eyes. He is known to frequent the city of Lemon Grove and the Encanto area of San Diego.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Christopher Sanchez, or other information about this murder, is encouraged to call SDPD Communications at (619) 531-2000, Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477, or the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293.



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